

Articles of Incorporation of a Professional Corporation

To form a **professional corporation** in California, you can fill out this form or prepare your own document, and submit for filing along with:

- A **\$100** filing fee,
- A separate, non-refundable **\$15** service fee, if you drop off the completed form or document.

Important! Corporations in California may have to pay a minimum \$800 yearly tax to the California Franchise Tax Board. Go to www.ftb.ca.gov for more information.

Note: *Before submitting the completed form*, you should consult with a private attorney for advice about your specific business.

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For questions about this form, go to www.sos.ca.gov/business/be/filing-tips.htm.

Corporate Name (List the proposed corporate name. Contact the California state board or agency that controls your profession to find out if your profession is authorized to be a corporation in California and if there are any specific corporate name style rules. Go to www.sos.ca.gov/business/be/name-availability.htm for general corporate name requirements and restrictions.)

① The name of the corporation is _____.

Corporate Purpose (List the authorized profession.)

② The purpose of the corporation is to engage in the profession of _____ and any other lawful activities (other than the banking business or the trust company business) not prohibited to a corporation engaging in such profession by applicable laws and regulations. This corporation is a **professional corporation** within the meaning of California Corporations Code section 13400 et seq.

Service of Process (List a California resident or an active [1505](#) corporation in California that agrees to be your initial agent to accept service of process in case your corporation is sued. You may list any adult who lives in California. You may **not** list your own corporation as the agent. **Do not** list an address if the agent is a 1505 corporation.)

③ a. Agent's name: _____

b. Agent's address: _____ **CA**
Street Address (if agent is **not** a corporation) City (no abbreviations) State Zip

Shares (List the number of shares the corporation is authorized to issue. Note: Before shares of stock are sold or issued, the corporation must comply with the Corporate Securities Law of 1968 administered by the California Department of Corporations. For more information, go to www.corp.ca.gov or call the California Department of Corporations at (213) 576-7500.)

④ This corporation is authorized to issue only one class of shares of stock.
 The total number of shares which this corporation is authorized to issue is _____.

This form must be signed by each incorporator. If you need more space, attach extra pages that are 1-sided and on standard letter-sized paper (8 1/2" x 11"). All attachments are made part of these articles of incorporation.



Incorporator - Sign here

Print your name here

Make check/money order payable to: **Secretary of State**

We can give you up to 2 free certified copies of your filed form if you submit up to 2 completed copies of this form (with all attachments).

By Mail

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